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#### § 32.6533 Testing expense.

This account shall include costs incurred in testing telecommunications facilities from a testing facility (test desk or other testing system) to determine the condition of plant on either a routine basis or prior to assignment of the facilities; receiving, recording and analyzing trouble reports; testing to determine the nature and location of reported trouble condition; and dispatching repair persons or otherwise initiating corrective action. (Note also § 32.5999(b)(3) of this subpart.)

# § 32.6534 Plant operations administration expense.

(a) This account shall include costs incurred in the general administration of plant operations. This includes supervising plant operations (except as specified in §32.5999(a)(3) of this subpart; planning, coordinating and monitoring plant operations; and performing staff work such as developing methods and procedures, preparing and conducting training (except on-the-job training) and coordinating safety programs.

(b) Credits shall be made to this account for amounts transferred to construction accounts. These amounts shall be computed on the basis of direct labor hours. (See § 32.2000(c)(2)(ii) of subpart C.)

# § 32.6535 Engineering expense.

(a) This account shall include costs incurred in the general engineering of the telecommunications plant which are not directly chargeable to an undertaking or project. This includes developing input to the fundamental planning process, performing preliminary work or advance planning in connection with potential undertakings, and performing special studies of an engineering nature.

(b) Credits shall be made to this account for amounts transferred to construction accounts. These amounts shall be computed on the basis of direct labor hours. (See §32.2000(c)(2)(ii) of subpart C.)

### § 32.6540 Access expense.

(a) This account shall include amounts paid by interexchange carriers or other exchange carriers to another exchange carrier for the provision of carrier's carrier access.

(b) Subsidiary record categories shall be maintained in order that the entity may separately report interstate and intrastate carrier's carrier expense. Such subsidiary record categories shall be reported as required by Part 43 of this Commission's Rules and Regulations.

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# § 32.6560 Depreciation and amortization expenses.

This account shall be used by Class A telephone companies to summarize for reporting purposes the contents of Accounts 6561 through 6565. Class B telephone companies shall use this account for expenses of the type and character required of Class A companies in Accounts 6561 through 6565.

#### § 32.6561 Depreciation expense—telecommunications plant in service.

This account shall include the depreciation expense of capitalized costs in Accounts 2112 through 2441, inclusive.

# § 32.6562 Depreciation expense—property held for future telecommunications.

This account shall include the depreciation expense of capitalized costs included in Account 2002, Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use.

# § 32.6563 Amortization expense—tangible.

This account shall include only the amortization of costs included in Accounts 2681, Capital Leases, and 2682, Leasehold Improvements.

# § 32.6564 Amortization expense—intangible.

This account shall include the amortization of costs included in Account 2690, Intangibles.

#### § 32.6565 Amortization expense—other.

- (a) This account shall include only the amortization of costs included in Account 2005, Telecommunications Plant Adjustment.
- (b) This account shall also include lump-sum write offs of amounts of plant acquisition adjustment as provided for in §32.2005(b)(3) of Subpart C.

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(c) Subsidiary records shall be maintained so as to show that character of the amounts contained in this account.

#### §32.6610 Marketing.

This account number shall be used by Class A telephone companies to summarize for reporting purposes the contents of Accounts 6611 through 6613. Class B telephone companies shall use this account for expenses of the type and character required of Class A companies in Accounts 6611 through 6613.

#### §32.6611 Product management.

This account shall include costs incurred in performing administrative activities related to marketing products and services. This includes competitive analysis, product and service identification and specification, test market planning, demand forecasting, product life cycle analysis, pricing analysis, and identification and establishment of distribution channels.

#### § 32.6612 Sales.

This account shall include costs incurred in selling products and services. This includes determination of individual customer needs, development and presentation of customer proposals, sales order preparation and handling, and preparation of sales records.

## § 32.6613 Product advertising.

This account shall include costs incurred in developing and implementing promotional strategies to stimulate the purchase of products and services. This excludes nonproduct-related advertising, such as corporate image, stock and bond issue and employment advertisements, which shall be included in the appropriate functional accounts.

## $\S 32.6620$ Services.

This account number shall be used by Class A telephone companies to summarize for reporting purposes the contents of Accounts 6621 through 6623. Class B telephone companies shall use this account for expenses of the type and character required of Class A companies in Accounts 6621 through 6623.

#### § 32.6621 Call completion services.

This account shall include costs incurred in helping customers place and complete calls, except directory assistance. This includes handling and recording; intercept; quoting rates, time and charges; and all other activities involved in the manual handling of calls.

#### § 32.6622 Number services.

This account shall include costs incurred in providing customer number and classified listings. This includes preparing or purchasing, compiling, and disseminating those listings through directory assistance or other means.

#### § 32.6623 Customer services.

- (a) This account shall include costs incurred in establishing and servicing customer accounts. This includes:
- (1) Initiating customer service orders and records;
- (2) Maintaining and billing customer accounts;
- (3) Collecting and investigating customer accounts, including collecting revenues, reporting receipts, administering collection treatment, and handling contacts with customers regarding adjustments of bills;
- (4) Collecting and reporting pay station receipts; and
- (5) Instructing customers in the use of products and services.
- (b) This account shall also include amounts paid by interexchange carriers or other exchange carriers to another exchange carrier for billing and collection services. Subsidiary record categories shall be maintained in order that the entity may separately report interstate and intrastate amounts. Such subsidiary record categories shall be reported as required by Part 43 of this Commission's Rules and Regulations.

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## § 32.6710 Executive and planning.

This account number shall be used by Class A telephone companies to summarize for reporting purposes the contents of Accounts 6711 and 6712. Class B telephone companies shall use this account for expenses of the type and